

As we gather on this twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost we remember that while we await Christ's return, knowing He comes with salvation, we are active, living out our faith, as children not of darkness, but of light. We also recognize the veterans of our congregation and thank them for their service, along with all veterans everywhere.

There is a Cry Room available for use during our worship service. It is located just outside the sanctuary.

Children Leaving the Sanctuary: This is a matter of caring concern for your child, or the young child that you are responsible for, age 13 or younger. The Board of Lay Ministry asks that if your child needs to leave the sanctuary during the worship service, you as a parent or responsible adult will need to escort them to and from the sanctuary. Thank you

The Lord's Supper is a very special privilege God gives to His people. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because the Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

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Dearest Jesus, We Are Here



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com-
2 Your com-mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
3 There-fore we have come to You, In our arms this
4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your
5 Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near
bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
 Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
 May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
 Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let
 May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we



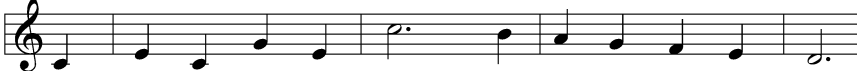
shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."
 shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.
 now have giv - en; Write it in the book of heav - en!

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(11:15) Holy Baptism of Lyla June daughter of Samuel and Kayla (Cope) Goffinet

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Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down
 From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
 bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
 'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
 your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
 less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,

and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Christian Flag Pledge

I pledge allegiance to the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands; one Savior, God's Son eternal, with mercy and grace for all.

Recognition of Our Veteran's

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you

all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C **In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**

P Enter not into judgment with your servant,

C **for no one living is righteous before You.**

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;

C **I ponder the work of Your hands.**

P I stretch out my hands to You;

C **my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.**

P Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

C **Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

P For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

C **In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

All Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

C Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

P **In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**

Kyrie

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



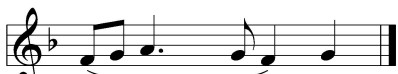
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

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P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Adult Choir

“Your Still, Small Voice”

Your still, small voice, Lord, let me hear it, Your still, small voice in this frantic world.

Your still, small voice, calm my restless spirit; Speak to me until I find my rest in You.

Your still, small voice, let me hear it, Your still, small voice in this troubled world.

Your still, small voice, calm my restless spirit; Speak to me until I find my rest in You.

Lord, I heard You not in the thunder, nor the fire, nor the whirl-wind’s blast; But perhaps in silent wonder, You will touch my life at last.

(chorus)

In the quiet peace of the morning, when the day is fresh and clear;

Speak to me, Lord, I will listen, call to me and I will hear, I will hear,

Your still small voice. Lord, let me hear it, Your still small voice in this

frantic world. Your still small voice, calm my restless spirit;

Speak to me until I find my rest in You. ‘til I find my rest in You.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we

the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!

May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.

O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

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Sermon Text 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Sermon "Not of Darkness"

Because of Christ, the Darkness of Sin and Death Is Gone.

I. Light and darkness are common in Scripture

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II. Paul addresses _____ because of the sins we commit in this world.

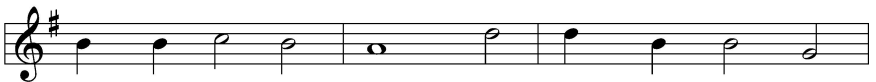
III. It turns out it's a great gift _____

_____.

528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own
Your God, ye fallen race.
Look and be saved through faith alone,
Be justified by grace.

See all your sins on Jesus laid;
The Lamb of God was slain.
His soul was once an off'ring made
For ev'ry soul of man.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.
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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

***C* Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ***T*** give you peace.



© A - men.

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God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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THANK YOU- from the Burcham /Fox family for your prayers, cards and comfort given during Joan Fox's passing.

"CHEER TINS" for home-bound members. LWML will be filling tins for delivery. Please bring 18-24 INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED items to the church kitchen on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13. Any donations are appreciated. Thank You!

36th Annual Advent/Christmas Service in GERMAN Sunday, November 29 at 4:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran in South Bend. 51490 Laurel Road. There will be no fellowship following the service and masks as well as social distancing will be required.

"MINISTRY BY MAIL PROGRAM" The Board of Lay Ministry started a Ministry by Mail program for men and women who are on the Prayer Page in each Sunday's bulletin. If you have a friend

or relative that would benefit from the devotional material provided by the LCMS Ministry to Armed Forces, simply give their name to one of the Pastors or a member of the Board of Lay Ministry. Refer to the November Epistle for further details.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP- NOV 25TH at 7pm

Let's give thanks to the Lord for all He has given to us and continues to give to us!

BUDGET INFO:

Operating budget fund balance as of November 12, 2020: \$86,800
This amount represents over 6 weeks of normal day-to-day expenses of the Church and School ministries.

August preliminary operating budget fund donations \$83,766
August preliminary operating budget fund spend <\$48,972>

YOUTH NEWS

For High School Youth: You are invited to a bowling outing **TODAY (November 15th)**. We will meet at church at **1:30 pm** and head to Plymouth together to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. Cost is \$5 per participant and must be paid in advance. Youth Board will offset any bowling related costs above that. Please sign up on the Youth bulletin board. Parents for Youth under 18 will need to sign a waiver. Contact Andy Wildauer at (801) 707-3399 with questions.

PEANUT BUTTER: St. Paul's will be collecting peanut butter (16 to 16.3 oz jars) for the Bremen Bags (a Project HELP program) during November. Please place your donations on the table at the back of the Narthex. This opportunity to help the children and their families in our school and public school.

ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE FOR HOPE MINISTRIES:

November is the month we collect clothing for our neighbors to the north. Any gently used clothing is needed (children, men's and women's). Place items on tables in Narthex. Thanks!

YOU are INVITED to partake of the Annual Thanksgiving Meal. If you and your family are in need of a dinner, we can deliver to your home or you can pick up your meal. Please sign up on the 'Check-it-Out' board or call the church 546-2332. The deadline to

sign up is November 20th. We need your name, address and phone number, and the number of people for dinner. May we give thanks to the Lord!

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS Last week to get your funds to the church office. Unfortunately, we have been informed that large print magazines are not available through Concordia Publishing at this time. Call the office if this makes a difference in your subscription order. Thanks!

Calendar of Events

THIS SUNDAY.....November 15, 2020

Veterans' Recognition Sunday

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am
Worship Service.....9:30 am
Worship Service.....11:15 am
Youth Bowling.....1:00 pm
Men's Group in the Gym.....3:00 pm
Bell Choir Practice.....5:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice.....6:00 pm

MON:

8th Grade Confirmation.....4:30 pm
7/8 Grade Basketball – Away.....4:30 pm
Board Meetings.....7:00 pm

TUES:

7th Grade Confirmation.....4:30 pm
Pilgrim Meal.....6:00 pm
Board of Lay Ministry Meeting.....6:30 pm
Prayer meeting.....7:00 pm

WED:

Men's Bible Study.....6:30 am
Day School Chapel.....8:05 am
Anniversary Committee Meeting.....4:00 pm

FRI:

Preschool Chapel.....9:30 am

NEXT SUNDAY.....November 22, 2020

Sunday School & Bible Classes.....8:30 am
Worship Service with Communion.....9:30 am

are reminded of all the blessings that God gives to us, and we give thanks to God for all that He provides for us here on earth, and also for the gift of Jesus so we may have eternal life in Him. Our Parent Teacher League is working with the school to help with our second quarterly “Service Event” which will be a food pantry collection for our neighbors at the Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wane Food Co-op.

We would love to have each family who attends our Pilgrim Meal on November 17th bring in a few non-perishable food items or necessary kitchen/household items. Each week at school, we will have a weeklong theme in which we gather specific food items for that week. The classes will compete to meet the needs of our neighbors in Ft. Wayne, and see which class brings in the most items per grade each week. Our 8th grade class will gather the items in December and deliver them to CTSFW before Christmas break. We are grateful for your support of this service event to help others!

For a list of specific items for each week, please see the printed list on the table in the Narthex near the bulletins.

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